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Reflections in the night

Evening lights glimmer and light up the empty pathway leading to the Simcoe Building. Freezing rain, turned to ice, assisted in the glowing effects of the lights as it hampered walking for night school students. (Photo by Bruni)

DR. WILLIAM STUART

Stuart resigns

Dr. William Stuart, 62, dean of technology, resigned last Monday.

Dr. Stuart, who has been at the college for nine years, accepted a position to teach at New York State University at Utica.

He said he decided to resign Dec. 1 and has had six job offers since then. "That speaks for technology."

Thirty days notice is required by the college but Dr. Stuart said he was going to negotiate this with Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

Dr. Stuart commutes from Grand Island, N.Y. He is married and has six children.

He is chairman of provincial heads of technology and a member of the president's sub-committee on leadership in technology.

Dr. Stuart said he had no idea who would replace him.

Dr. Stuart spent 15 years with the United States army, Factory Mutuals Co. and the Tonawanda Film Plant of Dupont Co. where he was methods and procedures engineer.

He has 17 years of academic experience including teaching math, physics, applied mechanics, engineering, drawing and hydraulics.

Dr. Stuart was professor and head of the mechanical technology department at Erie Community College in Buffalo, New York. He has his BSc in Business Administration, a degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate of higher education from the New York State University.

Dr. Stuart will be teaching 12 hours per week at the university which is 200 miles south of his home in Grand Island, New York.

The equipment at the institute is so new that even the instructors will need training to learn how to use it, Miss Robarts said.

Unaware 1 in 6 to be cut

A member of the Council of Regents said he has no knowledge of a statement made by the faculty union saying one in six faculty members will have to be terminated next year.

Doug Omand, member and acting executive secretary of the Council of Regents, said he had never heard of this statement.

Mr. Omand was asked about a statement issued by Niagara College's faculty union, OPSEU Local 242, referring to "...the recommendations emanating from the steering committee of the Council of Regents (which) state that one in six faculty members will have to be terminated in order to meet the budget of each college."

Mr. Omand said there are many different steering committees that take care of many different things, but "none would be within their competence to deliver such a directive."

The union did not specify which steering committee it got the recommendiations from, but Mr. Omand said, "It would make no sense for any steering committee to make a blanket statement like that."

Asked where the union got its information, Heather Halpenny, union leader, said OPSEU's headquarters in Toronto would be better able to answer questions.

However, a spokesman in the Toronto office said she had not heard about the issue, but she would look into it. The spokesman said perhaps the Council of Regents would be able to explain the recommendations since they were the ones who made the statement.

Feds try to guarantee grants for college adult skill programs

By WALLY WIENS
Staff Writer

The federal government will try to guarantee that the province receives 90 per cent of last year's grant for adult skill developing programs for the 22 colleges, a provincial government spokesman told Niagara management personnel last week.

However, the federal government will make strong overtures to the provincial government to direct training activities towards the national critical occupations, he said.

Ken Hunter is assistant deputy minister of a new division of the ministry of colleges and universities called the Skills Development Division.

He said he learned of Ottawa's plans when Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of education, met with the provincial education ministers and deputies in Vancouver to discuss Ottawa's funding policy for the coming fiscal year.

The annual list of 27 national criticial occupations, on which the federal government will be putting more emphasis, includes micro-computer occupations, welding and industrial economics.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said Mr. Hunter did not bring good news.

"The college is concerned that if the money we receive from the federal government is reduced by 10 per cent over 1981/82, we immediately have $250,000 less — and on top of this we would be short the projected 12.5 per cent increase in operating expenditures to be covered in 1982/83.

"This would represent over half a million dollars less than we would require to do exactly what we were doing last year which means that the CEIC (Canada Employment and Immigration Centre) will be unable to buy as many seats as previously, which affects teachers' jobs."

Mr. Hunter, who said there has been a clear shift in the programs the federal government will buy, said, "We have to structure our programs so they are flexible to meet demands and needs."

There will be increased emphasis on high technology skills, the Critical Trades Skilled Training program, and apprenticeship programs, especially if they are on the national critical occupations list.

Vacancy dismays SAC president

The vacancy left by Dina D'Amico, student liaison officer, is dismaying, Anne Sutherland, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said.

"The position will be missed," she said.

Anne said it was the potential help the position might bring that would be missed most of all.

The president said she was not sure whether the vacancy would be immediately filled or not, due to financial restrains.

Grants

College may get part of $13m

A total of $13 million in grants has been awarded to Ontario's 22 community colleges, Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, announced recently.

Of the grants, $8 million is for equipment purchases in the colleges, and $5 million is to support a high technology emphasis in the Training and Business and Industry (TIBI) program.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said Niagara has not received any of the money yet as the colleges have to apply for their share.

She said last year the college received $220,000 of the $8 million available.

The grants, which are for the 1982-83 fiscal year, are part of the province's economic development strategy and have been provided by the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD).

The equipment purchase grants now total $16 million over two years. They have enabled colleges to purchase items such as equipment for electronics engineering programs and robotics and fluid power laboratory, computer-controlled metal turning and milling machines and equipment for a videotex training centre.

BILD's purpose is to encourage expansion of the province's technological, electrial, natural resource base through a give year economic development strategy.

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EDITORIALS

Paisley dangerous extremist

Two weeks ago, Rev. Ian Paisley marched his travelling Protestant crusade through Toronto, bringing with him the disturbingly clear message that as long as he speaks for the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, the struggle there is at a no-win stage.

Although optimistic words from across the Atlantic Ocean have Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher working on a new institutional structure, odds are against it ever getting off the ground — no thanks to Mr. Paisley.

Mr. Paisley firmly believes the Roman Catholic Church is evil and refuses to have any sort of dealings with the Catholic Church even if it could mean the advent of peace to his troubled country. The word compromise simply does not exist in his vocabulary.

Much has been said about the violent acts of terrorism performed by the Irish Republican Army, but these intolerable bloody actions will continue as long as either side is led by men such as Mr. Paisley, who have allowed their hatred to halt them from seeking an honest peaceful solution.

His speeches are filled with Irish history in which he describes Catholic atrocities performed against Protestants. In effect, these words do nothing more than play both sides against each other.

Protestant supporters are now convinced the other side is cruel and violent as they are made out to be. Being made the villain can only further increase Catholic anger.

Consequently, bloodshed will continue to be the fact of life in Northern Ireland. Every attack will be matched, each killing repaid, each murder avenged.

Ray DeJong

Hot issues - cold response; come on get involved

And the saga continues. In the last issue of Niagara News, students and staff were presented with some extremely hot issues — the possibility of an extended school year, a possible $1.4 million deficit, the cancellation of 1982-83 faculty sabbaticals, and two controversial editorials discussing smoking and hoser-mania.

Again and again, it never ceases to amaze and appal that students and staff alike react with such apathy to major items. People read the horrors and then nonchalantly discuss the awesome weather or yesterday's episode of General Hospital, casually assuming that it's all Trudeau's doing.

Surely, with more than 3,000 people at this institution, there is someone with an opinion on these matters.

If history repeated itself and Allan MacEachen, minister of finance, decided not to issue transfer payments or grants to Niagara, we'd all be shocked, mortified even, wondering how or why such extremes were being taken. Yet, we sit back and ignore the warnings.

And what about the smokers out there? Michael Jiggens has an interesting but biased editorial on the social and physical perils of smoking and drew not one response — for or against. I suppose the entire smoking population of Niagara agreed with him and have since kicked the disgusting habit. A job well done, Mike.

I suppose, too, that the MacKenzie Brothers are no longer welcome at Niagara since, after reading Ray DeJong's comments on the matter, only one letter was written to their defence.

Then again, perhaps it is asking too much of those with opinions to voice them. After all, that takes backbone.

Diana Buri

The St. Lawrence Sisters [Charlene Bebee, left, and Kathy Kaufman], are enjoying themselves after taping a promotional segment for On-Air, a live television program produced by RTV students, which will be shown on area cable television stations beginning Feb. 18, 1982.

(Photo by DeJong)

LETTER

Hosermania is fun so take off, eh!

Dear Editor:

The first thing we would like to say to Mr. De Jong is "Hose Off, eh!"

We write as defenders of the Mackenzie Brothers and what they do. We are the St. Lawrence sisters and, best of all, we are hosers, we are strong and we are invincible.

We feel sorry for Mr. De Jong because he seems so concerned about the loss of Canadian identity. In a world where jobs are scarce and inflation isn't, it seems absurd that one of his biggest concerns is that Canadians are enjoying and identifying with Canadian television for a change.

As declared hoseraholics we'll try to explain the feelings of hoser fans. We're having FUN and we think the world sees us as having fun and not as an undignified people.

If what is being portrayed upsets you we suggest you be patient because as with all fads this one will end. But as far as we're concerned anyone who produces the positive effect the Mackenzie brothers do deserves *CREDIT not CRITICS. So take* off, eh! G'day.

Yours in hosermania,
Barb and Dawn St. Lawrence
(alias Charlene Bebee and
Kathy Kaufman)

Nicotine craving overpowers smoker

By BONNIE HARRIS
Staff Writer

As I sit here pounding away at my typewriter, I find myself drowning in shame, disappointment and self-disgust. I could not do it. I have done the inexcusable - I took a drag on Weedless Wednesday.

I might have pleaded innocence this morning (Thursday, Jan. 28) had everyone in the newsroom not seen me take that doomed puff.

It had been easy enough yesterday morning. My fellow journalists and friends knew of my mission to go weedless all day and were supportive. Supportive means I was banned from areas of the room that were filled with smoke. I was bluntly told I could not take part in a picture-taking of smokers because, for 12 hours, I was a non-smoker.

Not first attempt

This was not my first attempt to quit smoking. Once I went for six complete days. This time though, I doubted whether I had enough desire and willpower to quit; my main goal was to set an example for our class. With all the articles we journalists have written on the topic of the evils of smoking, surely I could join the so-called majority, if only for a day.

The moment of truth came without premeditation. I was pacing the floors after lunch taking in some of the newsroom conversation and gossip. Then I saw it. It was all alone and no one was paying attention to it. The cigarette in the ashtray was burning down and no one seemed to care.

Was I being framed? Were they plotting to trick me?

No one looking

No one was looking, so I risked it. I grabbed it, took a drag and put it out. (It was almost down to the filter anyway.) The eyes that once were engrossed in other topics suddenly turned on me. I sank three feet. Before I fled in embarrassment, I heard words about "the integrity of our newspaper must hold up" and "how could you do it, you should be ashamed."

I tried and I was a failure. I am now attempting to restore my self-respect and confidence. Until that happens, I can only sympathize with those who share my blight and applaud those who made it through the day weedless.

CNRC magazine show urges news comment

Any one with reasonable comments on issues recently in the news is urged to contact Campus Radio Niagara College (CRNC) which is broadcasting a two-minute public forum as a segment of a recently developed news magazine show called Focus.

The show, which began on the college radio station Jan. 15, and is broadcast Friday mornings from 11:30 to noon, consists of a five-minute update of the news, followed by 25 minutes of nes, sports and entertainment features wrapping up the week's high points.

Jim Butticci, 19, second-year Radio and Television (RTV) student, said as the program progresses they would like to add editorials, city council and local news coverage.

Student participation is urged, second-year RTV student Sue Coonan, 22, said.

"We'd like response by students in the public forum, in which they have two minutes to talk about anything they want," Sue Coonan said. "Anyone with reasonable comments can come in and we'll either tape them or do it live."

Cool, man

Students are asked to take their pants off for the next on-campus pub night Feb. 11.

The theme for the pub will be a beach party where wearing shorts is recommended, Tony Bianco, Student Administrative Council promotions co-ordinator, said. He said there would be a pants check at the door so people could arrive wearing them, but remove them upon arrival.

Since the pub is scheduled during the cold month of February, the heat in the cafeteria will be turned up higher than usual, he said.

Low deficit

Niagara College is not yet facing the financial problems other colleges in Ontario are forced to deal with, Anne Sutherland, Student Administrative Council president, said.

Anne attended a day-long students presidents' conference at Fanshawe College Jan. 21 to discuss the problems facing community colleges.

She said while Niagara will be approaching a $1.4 million deficit next year, other colleges, such as Mohawk, will be harder hit with an estimated $4 million deficit.

"Niagara is ahead of the game compared to other institutions," she said. But, due to increasing operating costs at the college, "within three years Niagara will have the same problems now faced by others."

The problem is not enough money, she said. "The Council of Regents and Bette Stephenson, minister of education, are fighting tooth and nail to make sure institutions aren't severely hit, but there just isn't enough money."

VIEWPOINT

Hobbies / Myths

Weather or not...

By BONNIE HARRIS
Staff Writer

Our fate and destiny for the future are about to be determined. Tomorrow marks the day people will decide to book a flight to the land of the sun or to cancel an already-made flight reservation. On this very day, our friendly groundhog will emerge from his winter burrow and forecast the weather for the next six weeks.

Since the start of time, certain days of the year have been associated with weather predicting. Groundhog Day, Feb. 2, is the most popular. One of many less popular weather-forcasting days is Saint Paul's Days, Jan. 25. The Apostle Paul was converted to Christianity on this day. The old myth goes that the weather on this day foretells the future year's weather.

NOT FAMILIAR

Most people are not familiar with Saint Paul's Day but many know Groundhog Day — and take its results seriously. According to popular belief or superstition, the groundhog, or woodchuck, will come out of his hole tomorrow. If it is a bright day and he sees his shadow, he will return to his hole and winter will last for six more weeks. If the day is cloudy and he does not see his shadow, he will remain outside, anticipating an early spring.

This legend is considered to have origianted from American variations of another weather-forcasting custom. Feb. 2 is also the Festival of the Virgin. Since early Christian times, candles used in churches have been blessed on this day, known as Candlemas Day. The American legend in Christendom is that a sunny Candlemas portends a cold spring, which is the same as groundhog seeing his shadow.

MORE WINTER

In Scotland, they believe a fair, dry Candlemas predicts more winter weather or an unusually cold spring. It is the same result as our groundhog not seeing is shadow and staying above ground.

In every country, custom and religion, there are different meanings for different beliefs. It is ironic the results are similar.

Then again, when it is down in black and white, it does seem silly. From ages two to 102, people take the superstition to heart. Mature adults listen attentively to the radio to hear news on the groundhog's discovery, instead of reading the Farmer's Almanac or listening to a long-range weather forecast. It is food for though, I laugh, as I have found incentive to turn my radio up.

Tally-ho, eh

By BETTINA JACKEVICIUS
Staff Writer

Being cheated by a New York City taxi driver did not make a good first impression upon two exchange students from England.

Glyn Davison and Sally Oldham had flown into New York from England where they were to take a bus on to Niagara Falls, Ont.

Glyn said she found New York a scary place to be because of rumors they had heard about the big city.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year an exchange program exists between students of the Rainbow Hotel Centre(Hotel and Restaurant Administration program) and a school in Buxton, England, where students study a similar program.

Glyn and Sally finished two years of study in England and will complete their third-year here.

Sherry Chesniak, back at Niagara for her third year after spending her last year in England, said being an exchange student was a good experience. It allowed her to study the perspective of the hotel industry in England.

"Being in another country and managing on my own where everyone is friendly" are some of the reasons why Glyn likes Canada. "I would like to stay here."

Sally, 19, who is from Manchester, said she like being on her own.

But both students said they would rather be based at the main campus. "This way we would get to know more people during our stay."

Glyn said he misses the "Beer and pubs" in England. The pubs in England which are only open until 10:30 p.m. during the week are relaxing. The buildings are older and make nice comfortable place to be in, he said. He referred to them as more formal.

There are always live bands playing here (in Canada)," whereas in England, you have "to go to concert halls," the 20-year-old from Nottingham, said.

PUNK OUT

"Music is behind here," he said.

Sally said "punk is out, and new wave is in. "I've never seen so many different colors of hair than when I was in England—green, blue, purple..."

Glyn and Sally seem to be enjoying their stay in Niagara Falls despite a couple of embarrassing situations. "It is the phrasing and expressions that are used," he said. "We have different meanings for some words that you use. It can be confusing at times."

OUCH!

By DAVE DEROCCO
Staff Writer

The biting cold snap has produced the usual winter annoyances — dead batteries, frozen rad and gas lines. But there is one problem synonymous with the bitter winds and cold that amounts to a much more serious problem — frostbite.

Dr. Michael Lovegrove, college physician, said frostbite is graded along the same lines as burns.

"First-degree frostbite is superficial freezing of the skin usually with redness of the skin the day after," he said. "Second-degree frostbite involves freezing of the skin and blisters, and third degree is sloughing, or death of the skin."

Frostbite occurs most commonly as a result of prolonged exposure to frigid temperatures, but Dr. Lovegrove said a person's health is also important. People who have any heart or lung-related diseases are more susceptible to frostbite, he said.

"People with allergies, Burger's disease (an inflammation of the small arteries, mostly in young men who smoke), and diabetics are all more susceptible to frostbite," he said. "For smokers the risk is higher because nicotine contracts the blood vessels, reducing circulation."

There are many opinions on how to treat frostbite, and a common myth is to stick the exposed area in ice water, a myth which Dr. Lovegrove said was completely wrong.

"The best thing to do is to treat it conservatively. Keep it covered and clean and in a warm area to thaw it out. Put it in warm water about 42 degrees Celsius, or just above body temperature. If there are blisters, **don't** break them."

'...a star to steer her by'

By MICHAEL JIGGENS
Staff Writer

For the past two years, college psychology instructor Jim Brooks has been working on what he calls "a big model airplane."

He's correct about it being big — it will weigh in excess of 15,000 pounds when it is completed. It's not an airplane, though; it's a sailboat which he hopes to remove from his Niagara Falls backyard and relocate in Lake Ontario possibly in June, 1984.

Mr. Brooks, who began teaching at the college only last September, said he began the project because "my old boat was getting too small for the family."

He said his three sons were growing too quickly and room in his 22-foot fibreglass model was getting minimal.

Mr. Brooks is no rookie when it comes to tackling large building projects. "I've built most of the furniture in my house and I've been building model airplanes for as long as I can remember.

NOT AVAILABLE

The boat is unlike any available on the market. It is constructed of steel and will later be panelled with mahogany. He said most boats today are manufactured from fibreglass.

The overall cost of the materials for the boat will not exceed $20,000, he said. "You cannot buy the same size boat (39 feet long, 10½ feet wide) on the market for less than $100,000.

Despite the savings in cost from the market price, Mr. Brooks said he has often become frustrated when working on his project.

"I have thought many times to cut it all up into many pieces and have the city take it away," he said.

The boat, which he has already christened Madeline C after his wife, is designed from an east coast tradition.

"It is derived from a late 19th century or early 20th century model called Sharpie," he said. Sharpie models, he explained, are rarely seen any more.

Mr. Brooks has not yet completed the most difficult part of the boat's construction, ensuring that it is seaworthy.

After that, he hopes the rest of the work will be downhill. "My goal is to have all the metal work done and painted before the year is over."

The shipbuilding project has been almost a one-man show. Except for some periodic assistance from his sons, Mr. Brooks said he has basically done everything himself.

Mr. Brooks said he is looking forward to the interior wood work of the boat, which is his specialty, including carving a figurehead for the bow.

FAILED WOODWORK

Ironically, Mr. Brooks said, he failed woodwork in school.

Mr. Brooks offered a note of optimism to anyone who wished to build a boat but was afraid it was too difficult.

"It's not complicated to build," he said. "There are many good books on the subject."

One might think building a boat in his backyard would create havoc with the neighbors. "It is noisy but I don't tread too hard on the patience of my neighbors. Besides, I've promised to give them all a ride in it when it's done."

JIM BROOKS

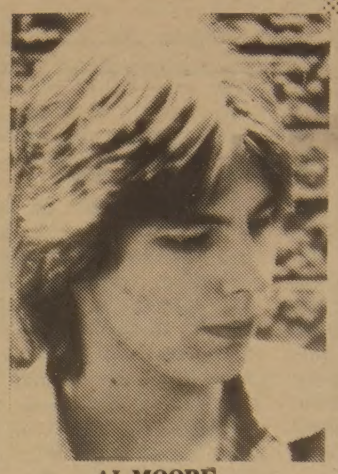
ROVING REPORTER

By DOLLY KUSHMIER
and DAVE DEROCCO

A projected deficit as a result of 1982-83 grants to the college could mean cutting classroom time to reduce the need for part-time instructors, or possibly cutting courses completely. An alternative to this would be extending the school year by four weeks, or until the end of May, and having fewer hours of school per week. What is your opinion on the possibility of an extended school year?

SHARI BERNARD

KARRY CALDWELL



AL MOORE

Brian VandenDool, 19, first-year retail management: I wouldn't want that. You have to make money to go to college. Our program is a co-op program that requires four months of practical work. Personally, I wouldn't want to stay in school another month.

Karry Caldwell, 18, first-year business: It won't work. People are going to lose summer jobs which will decrease enrolment. I'll have a harder time getting my summer job if have to stay in school another month.

Billie-Jo Shorthouse, 18, first-year business: Now we get out the same time as the university students. If we get out later we'll be losing jobs.

Lindsay Kemp, 18, first-year business: A longer school year could work, but then again, it is nicer to go home early.

Rick Alt, 20, second-year electrical technician: The way the budget is going, I think it's a feasible possibility. I think the students might object though. I hope it doesn't happen; I probably won't be here so what do I care.

Shari Bernard, 18, first-year accounting: It's just going to create more unemployment among teachers. It would mean a shorter summer. It's stupid.

Gloria Morello, 18, first-year accounting: 'It's good how they're doing it now, but it is good to have a shorter day.

Lorri Benincasa, 19, health records technology: I skip enough classes so it doesn't matter anyway.

Graeme Hennessy, 20, law and security: I think it's a terrible idea. Long summer holidays would mean more time to make money to come back to school.

Tim Sather, 19, first-year general college: It stinks. Once you drive here you might as well stay for the whole day. I don't think a longer year will help.

Tony Rao, 18, first-year business: No, I don't think they should lengthen the year. You have to make money. One month could mean $1,000.

Bill Irvine, 17, first-year accounting: First of all, they should not only fire some of the part-time staff but some of the full-time staff as well. They should keep it the way it is.

Serge Gagne, 20, first-year general college: It doesn't bother me that much. What will the teachers do without a job? I wouldn't matter to me; I have a job already.

Cathy Bell, 21, first-year human relations: Don't want it. I want the four months for summer vacations. We need that time for a break and to make money to pay for our tuition.

Al Moore, 18, first-year business administration: No I don't think it's right. People have to pay for their tuition, and it cuts down on the time to work. Do teachers want it? You have to ask everybody.

Dan Torretto, 20, first-year general college: I wouldn't mind going the extra month if it meant I could sleep in longer.

BILLY-JO SHORTHOUSE

GLORIA MORELLO

CATHY BELL

Scottish celebration cheers tired students

BY LINDA DUGUAY
Staff Writer

When the pressure and tedium commonly attributed to a heavy work load in the nursing program reached a climax last week, Group D of first-year nursing students at Mack Centre refused to be dragged under. They picked up their spirits, put on their skirts and celebrated Robbie Burns Day in style.

Each of the 35 nursing students donned Scottish attire, wearing at least something plaid, and assembled in the lounge at the centre to listen to bagpipe music played by first-year student Alan Spencer as they danced and clapped hands to the music. When lunch was over, the piper led them to their class Pied Piper style.

"Everybody needs a little break from the monotony now and then," Alan said. He said the occasion was intended to get people excited, build up energy and class involvement.

Robbie Burns was a Scottish poet the Scots revere as a nationalist who built them up when they were downtrodden. His birthday, Jan. 25, is celebrated in Scottish sectors with various festivities including the piping in of haggis, Alan said. The piper leads a procession of faithfuls with their haggis, a mixture of liver and oatmeal cooked in a sheep's stomach, into a ceremonial hall where they begin by reading one of Robbie Burns' poems, Ode to the Haggis.

Alan Spencer, first-year nursing, plays the bagpipes for fellor students in celebration of Robbie Burns Day.

The students paraded through the halls on their way to class and were met with bewildered and awe-inspired faces as they went through staff offices, leaving behind them a trail of music and cheer.

"Flowers say something special."

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Chaos' at Fools' Breakfast

Although plans for Celebrate Canada Festival activities on Feb. 18 and 19 are nearly complete, at least one event is being deliberately shrouded in an aura of secrecy.

The Fools' Breakfast, to be held in the college cafeteria on Feb 18. from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., may be the festival's opening activity, but organizers are being close-mouthed about its itinerary.

However, Niagara News has managed to track down a few leads.

Veiled allusions to a hoser parade and fools' gold have been uncovered and the appearance of a fortune teller confirmed. Rumors of jesters and clowns abound, but only the promise of continuous entertainment has been pinned down.

To date, the darkest hint about what to expect comes from Barbara Fonfara, co-convener of the festival. The Fools' Breakfast will be "two hours of continuous chaos," Mrs. Fonfara said.

A rival Fools' Breakfast will take place in the cafeteria at the Welland Vale campus on Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Apparently, only time and participation will reveal more.

Theatre arts to perform Canadian humor revue

Satirical sketches on Canadian hockey, Canadian fashion and a Newfoundland seal hunt will be part of Canuck Soup, a humor revue to be performed by theatre arts students for the Celebrate Canada Festival at Niagara College's main campus next month.

The revue, which also includes songs and jokes, was written by Brian Shein who will also be reading from his novel, Writers, during the festival.

Previously a contributing editor to National Lampoon, Mr. Shein now writes a humor column for The Canadian Forum which he describes as a "sandbox corner for me to foll around in."

He visited the Niagara College Theatre Centre where he plans to have a workshop with the students rewriting and putting his columns together to form Canuck Soup.

The son of a minister, Mr Shein said his interest in comedy began when he was a young boy who learned every dirty joke in the schoolyard to escape from the stereotype of a minister's son.

"I'm basically a storyteller," he said.

The book he will read from deals with the interactions of a group of writers with townspeople during a three-day Canada celebration. Writers is set in Sudbury which he describes as "reputedly the ugliest city in Canada." It will be published by McClelland and Stewart in the fall.

Dates have been tentatively set for Canuck Soup on Feb. 18 at 11.15 a.m. to 12.05 p.m. and at 3.50 p.m. to 4.40 in the Hamilton Room. He will read from his novel on Feb. 19 from 12.10 p.m. to 1 in S211.

Continuous entertainment

Tattie Scones, Bubble and Squeak, Toad in the Hole — these are just three of the tantalizing items that will be served at the Welland Vale campus during the Fools' Breakfast Feb. 18 as part of the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Iris Later, co-ordinator of the festival at Welland Vale, said the menu was developed by John McCabe, acting co-ordinator of the food preparation program, and will be put on by students in the program. The feast will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will cost $2. Entertainment will be provided by the Laura Secord Jazz Band. Mr. McCabe will be preparing a luncheon.

Mrs. Later said there are many other events planned for the two-day festival, including demonstrations at the miniature planetarium by Capt. Louie Stephenson.

On Thursday, psychic reader Cliff Preston will perform his mystical magic in the cafeteria, and the Hoekstra Family Choir will perform.

Friday's events include a cabaret, which begins at 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Canadian comedy team of Sears and Switzer, who poke fun at the comedy of modern life. John Yates, a member of the academic faculty at Welland Vale, will provide musical entertainment during performances.

There will be a liquor licence, and refreshments will be served by the food preparation students. Tickets are $3.50 and are available at the student senate and main offices at Welland Vale.

Along with the daily displays of arts and crafts and several film festivals in the Audio-Visual studio, Mrs. Later said there will be a limerick contest, and entries will be posted in "Limerick Lane," Mrs. Later said Norma Mueller, co-ordinator of English in academics at Welland Vale, has issued this ultimatum to her students:

Come students all over the college
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Props builder creates masks, helps bring characters to life

By ANNE BOKMA
Staff Writer

Sometimes it may take more than make-up to bring a character to life on stage and for John Tiggeloven, creating character masks is more than the result of a few hours work, it is his art.

Mr. Tiggeloven, 27, props builder at Shaw Festival, gave a three-night workshop demonstrating how to make masks to Niagara College theatre arts students last week.

Next play

The masks, made primarily of foam, latex, rubber and cheesecloth, will be worn by characters in the theatre program's next play, The Elephant's Child, which includes a cast of exotic African animals.

Invited by Shoshana Taylor, costume instructor of the theatre program, Mr. Tiggeloven brought with him his intricately designed ghost, bird and snake masks.

"It takes me about three or four hours to make a mask," he said. "That is not including hair, feathers or anything else you might add."

Builds props

He does not always exercise his talents in making masks ("Shaw didn't write too many plays that required masks") but works as a props builder constructing sets for the stage. Right now he is making trees for See How They Run, a farce to be shown at Shaw Festival.

Supervised

Mr. Tiggeloven, who previously worked at the National Arts Centre in Toronto, began his career backstage at Theatre London after he graduated from high school. He also taught props building at a community college.

With his fist pressed thoughtfully to his jaw, he supervised the students' construction of the masks and was ready with quick adivce and various techniques on how to create a mask masterpiece.

Heather Lane, third-year fashion arts, designed the costumes and masks for the play.

A previous accomplishment for Mr. Tiggeloven was making masks for a children's ballet, Scared of the Dark, which was shown at Harbor Front, Toronto, early in January.

John Tiggeloven puts the finishing touches on his bird mask. He gave a workshop at the Theatre Centre helping students create masks for their next play, The Elephant's Child. (Photo by Bokma)

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Knights win by one, dump unbeaten team

By LINDA FORD
Sports Editor

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team ended the Fanshawe Falcons' 10-game winning streak by beating them 69-68 Jan. 21 at Niagara College.

The Falcons had been undefeated this season in league play and were the Canadian champions the past two years. They beat Niagara by 19 points in the first game of the season.

The Knights were one point down with less than a minute to play. They ran the clock down to 14 seconds, then called time out.

Paul Weller sank the winning basket with one second left on the clock.

Paul Deeton, the coach, said this was "a big win. It could have gone either way.

"The kids worked really hard and did what they were supposed to. Steve Bull played very well."

LED SCORING

Bull led the scoring with 20 points. Don Campbell had 15, Mark Thomson 11, Paul Weller 10, Scott Allan 7, Steve Boc, 4 and Pat Morrissey, 2.

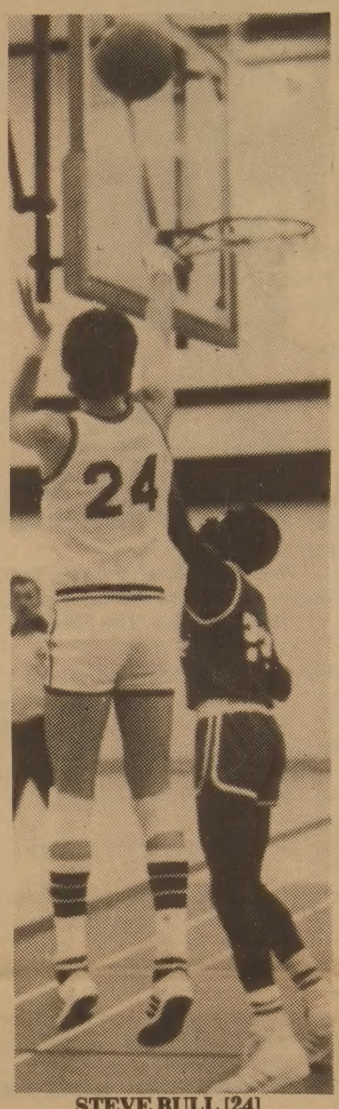
Mr. Deeton said his team started out the season with a "defensive attitude" but had gained confidence.

"We've been playing well," he said.

Niagara has four wins and five losses for the season. They are fighting for fifth spot in the play-offs.

Fanshawe led after the first half 36-32. The game was always close with less than 10 points separating the teams.

Mr. Deeton said his team's defence had really improved. "Defence is your bread and butter." He said he liked to keep the score at about 70.



STEVE BULL [24]

"We felt if we could keep control of the ball under our basket we could win."

The team played Friday and Saturday in Sudbury and North Bay. Coverage of those games will be in the next edition of the Niagara News.

Curling team places fifth

By WENDY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College mixed curling team placed fifth in the annual Georgian College invitational bonspiel. The men's team lost all four games.

The bonspiel was split into two divisions. Niagara was categorized in the bronze division with Mohawk, Seneca and the Peterborough campus of Sir Sandford Fleming (SSF). In the blue division there was Georgian, Canadore, St. Lawrence and the Lindsay campus of SSF.

New experience

The Georgian College bonspiel was a new experience for Niagara's curlers. It gave them the opportunity to compete against eastern teams that they would not usually meet until the Ontario finals.

A total of 12 men's, eight mixed and eight women's teams played four games on the eight sheets of ice at the Orillia Curling Club. The round-robin operated on a system that awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie. The first three games were played within divisions, but the fourth and final game was a battle for position against a team in the opposing division.

In the first and second draw, Niagara's mixed team encountered the two colleges that they hoped to meet in this bonspiel. Earlier Dave Fish, skip, had said he would be pleased if Niagara played well against Mohawk and Seneca.

Niagara tied

On Saturday, Niagara tied the first game 5 to 5 with Mohawk. In the second game Niagara lost 6—5 to Seneca.

In the game against Mohawk, Niagara missed the chance to gain six points on the first end. "It was close all the way," Dave said. "What it really amounted to was the toss of the coin."

"Nothing was going right," he said. In the game with Seneca, Niagara missed critical shots which could have gained three enders.

The different blood from the eastern regions seemed to bring good luck to the mixed team. Dave said Sunday's curling was the best they had ever played. "There was never any doubt within my mind that we were going to win."

In the third draw the Fish rink defeated SSF 8—4 and in the finals they earned fifth position by taking Canadore 7—5.

Unfortunately, the men's curling team did not perform as well as they had hoped. Niagara lost to Georgian 6—4, SSF 7—4, Sheridan 12—2 and Cambrian 6—3.

Paul Beldham, skip, attributed the team's losses to a shorthanded threesome. The lack of the fourth player made "a big difference on the ice." Another sweeper would have enabled the team to carry the stones much farther.

Orillia

The Orillia ice tended to be keen during the first game, yet became heavier throughout the weekend, Dave said. In preparation for the bonspiel the ice had been pebbled, not scrapped.

Niagara's mixed team consisted of Karen Guy, lead; Mike Kalapos, second; Lori Walters, vice-skip, and Dave Fish, skip.

The men's curling team was shorthanded due to family commitments of two team members. The team make-up team consisted of John Kurnish, spare; Dan Sebert, vice-skip, and Paul Beldham, skip.

Molson team of the week

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team were named Molson team of the week for Jan. 18-24.

On Jan. 21 the Knights upset the previously unbeaten Fanshawe Falcons 69-68. Paul Weller sank the winning basket with one second left to play.

The win by Niagara not only knocked Fanshawe out of first place in the West Division but also moved the Knights closer to clinching the fifth and final play-off spot.

Intramurals battle it out

The Wainfleet Warriors conquered the Cats 7-4 and the Bruins beat the Motor City Madmen 9-4 in men's intramural ice hockey.

The Fugitives beat the Swingers 9-6 in women's intramural floor hockey Jan. 26. Vivian Ste. Croix scored five goals for the Fugitives.

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SPORTS

Two girls wrestle for the basketball during a game at Niagara College Jan. 21. The Niagara Knights overcame a slow start — two points in the first eight minutes — to win the game 51-40.
(Photo by Ford)

Women's b-ball first place, beat Falcons after slow start

The first place Niagara Knights women's basketball team overcame a slow start to beat the Fanshawe Falcons 51-40 at Niagara College Jan. 21.

The Knights scored only two points in the first eight minutes of play, but were ahead 23-19 by half-time.

Coach Russ Stevenson said his team was "very tentative" in the first half. It was their first league game since the Chistmas holidays.

SOME 'TIGHTNESS'

Mr. Stevenson said he might have been to blame for some of the team's "tightness" because he told them that "the first person to put up a bad shot finds the bench."

Carolyn led the scoring with 15 points, Ann Young and Judy Helstab had 12, Lisa Buckland 9, Terry Cushman 5, Nancy Mather and Dawn Sherar 4, and Carol Whidden 3.

Mr. Stevenson said he "couldn't pick a star" because the win was a team effort.

"We outplayed them."

PLAYS SENECA

The team plays at Seneca College Feb. 3 and at St. Clair Feb. 6. The coach said the game against St. Clair is important; a win there would clinch first place.

SME elects new chairman

Mark Smith, first-year manufacturing engineering technician, was elected chairman of the student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers last Tuesday.

Other members of the executive are: Dale Gohm, first vice-chairman; Marcello Fabrizi, second vice-chairman; Sandra Thompson, third vice-chairman; and Kim Ells, treasurer. The position of secretary was not filled.

Tech plans displays

The school of technology has arranged to display a number of futuristic machines in the MacKenzie building on Feb. 18 and Feb. 19.

A voice-controlled computer tape preparation centre and a voice-controlled centre called Quickpath will be displayed in room M25 throughout the festival. Both items will be demonstrated by donor Paul Bayer of Bayer Business Machines, Mississauga.

Andy van Dyk, chairman of the School of Technology Celebrate Canada Festival committee, said it is the robot's "control mechanisms that make it so interesting." Because it employs a combination of control systems, Mr. van Dyk called it an example of "flexible automation."

According to Mr. van Dyk, one of the highlights of the School of Technology events will be a lecture on the positive and negative aspects of technology by Ray Gibson, policy advisor to the Ontario government. The lecture will be in the Hamilton room from 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Although about $125,000 of equipment will be on display, Mr. van Dyk said it will not be a trade show.

"We want to show people what is in the future," he said.

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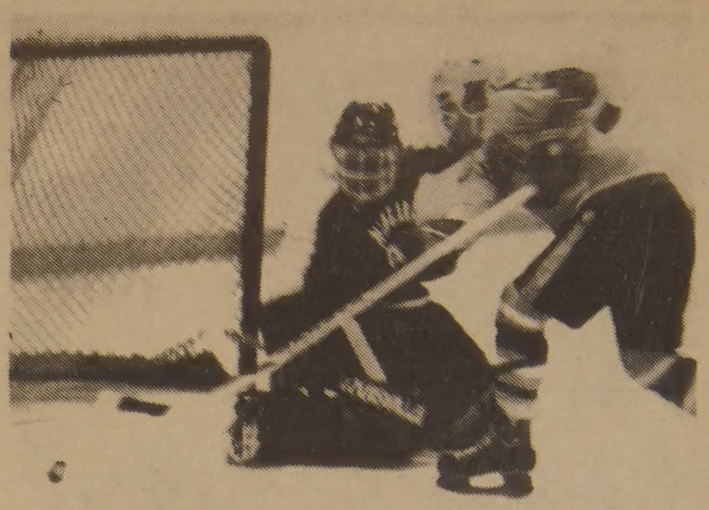

Knights' goalie Joe Persia kicks out his leg in rapier-like fashion to make an enormous save off Canisius College's Gary Roessler who sped in on a breakaway. Knights won the game 5-1.
(Photo by Jiggens)

Knights hockey team place first overall

The Niagara Knights hockey team defeated the Canisius Golden Griffins 5-1 to capture sole possession of first place in the International Collegiate Hockey League Jan. 22 at the Welland Arena..

The knights were tied for first place with Canisius before the game, but the win put them ahead with a 6-1 record. Canisius is in second place with a 5-2 record and Erie Community College is in third place with a 5-4 record.

and Dawn Sherar 4 and Coral Whidden 3.

"Joe Persia kept us in the game," Coach Fred Bassi said about the Knights goaltender. "He played outstanding."

Mr. Bassi said Niagara was successful in killing off 20 minutes in penalties and he was pleased that the defence played well.

It wasn't until halfway through the third period that Canisius scored to narrow the gap 2-1. Bob Rosen got the lone goal, just 34 seconds after Joe was hit in the mask with the puck.

Coach Bassi said Canisius outplayed Niagara at times and they had a lot of momentum going until Niagara scored a fluke goal from outside the Canisius blue line.

"Rick Alt took a hard shot that went low," Coach Bassi said. "Instead of stopping it (the puck) with the stick or glove, the goaltender reached for it and it dropped underneath him. That broke their backs."

Niagara scored two more goals by Moe and Jim Long to wrap up the game 5-1. "They could have won the game just as easily as us," coach Bassi said. "But they didn't put the puck into the net."

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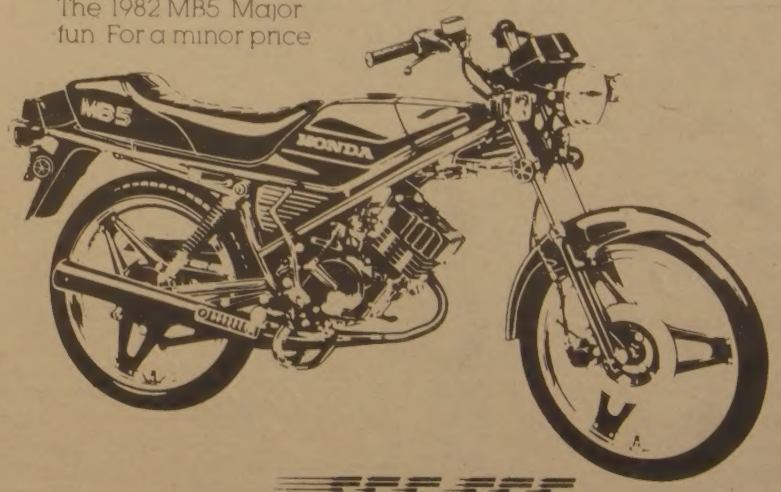

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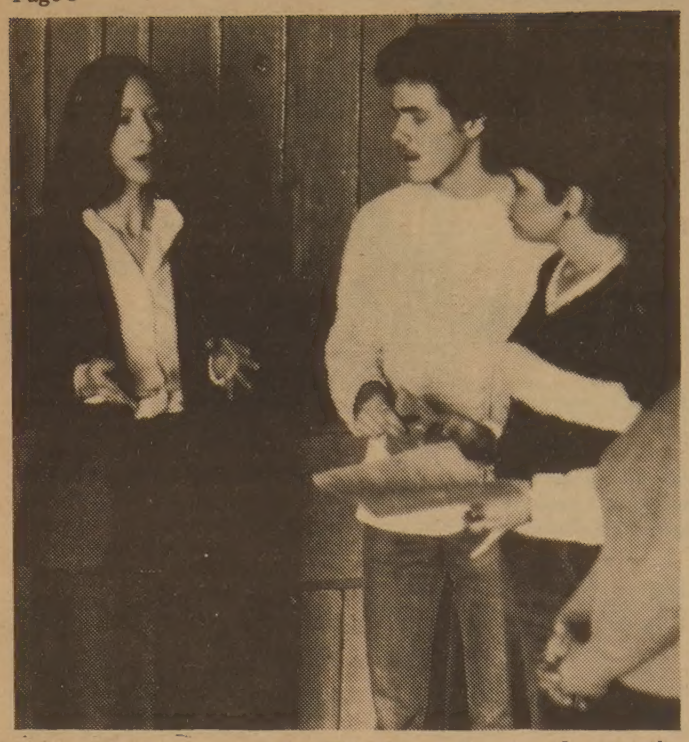

Niagara regional representative Ellie Garner discusses the operation of Amnesty International with first-year journalism students Mark Oakes, Cheryl Overholt and Vanessa Batcules. (Photo by Wilson)

World group writes letters for freedom

By IAN WILSON
Staff Writer

United nations members "silently condone" human rights violations, Ellie Garner, Niagara Regional representative for Amnesty International, said.

Miss Garner, in an address to students on Friday, Jan. 22, said political prisoners need the support of individuals.

She said people in Central and South America, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union cannot speak out against their governments so "it's up to us to speak for them."

Amnesty International is a worldwide organization independent of governments, political and economic interests, and racial or religious creeds. It encourages its members, and anyone else who wants to help, to write letters in aid of political prisoners whose story is published in a monthly bulletin. Every month three new "Prisoners of conscience" are adopted.

To illustrate human rights violations by military dictatorships Miss Garner showed a film made in El Salvador. "What goes on in El Salvador goes on all over the world, particularly in Central America," she said.

In one scene, a young man, with thumbs tied together behind his back and lying face-down on the sidewalk, was questioned by soldiers. he told them he was walking in the street towards his aunt's house and heard gun shots so he ran. Next he was questioned by an officer in an army vehicle. A few scenes later the young man's mutilated corpse was dumped in the street.

Much of the film footage was smuggled out of El Salvador. Scenes showed peasants massacred in the street as they mourned the death of Archbishop Romero, who was murdered by government agents Jan. 22, 1980.

Writing letters is a good way to apply pressure to governments because "one prisoner can get thousands of letters from all over the world." The condition of 40 per cent of the prisoners of conscience have been inproved, Miss Garner said.

She said people are tortured in many ways. Cigarette burning is common because it is inexpensive and electric shocks are used since they do not leave marks. "It doesn't touch us, we don't have this in Canada," Miss Garner said. "It's hard for us to imagine these things going on."

16-member Niagara Jazz Band gives toe-tapping concert

By IDA BRUNI
and CATHI BRUNO
Staff Writers

Heads bobbed, toes tapped and fingers snapped as the Niagara Jazz Band performed songs from Glenn Miller, Spiro Gira, Count Basie and Sammy Nestico at a concert held for the Welland Winter Carnival Jan. 25 in the Hamilton room.

The 16-member band entertained the crowd with songs such as Doing the Bathtub Boogie, Morning Dance, String of Pearls, Back-bacon Blues, Quiet Breaker, Reachin' Out and My Man Bill.

"They're playing very well," Laura Thomas, conductor of the band, said. "I hope more people can see us."

The jazz band is a program offered through continuing education for people who are interested in music as a hobby, but "some of the guys are professional musicians and it's more than just a hobby for most of them."

The members of the band are picked in September and remain with the band throughout the year. The only new members are substitutes replacing "a couple of guys that are out on a gig."

Ms. Thomas has been conducting the Niagara Jazz Band for three years. Her musical studies include three years of music at Mohawk College as well as four years of music in high school. While she attended Mohawk, she played vibes in the Thursday Night Dues Band, which is for students only. She still plays in the Mohawk Jazz Band which is available to anyone.

The Niagara Jazz Band plans to compete in the Canadian Stage Band Festival at Mohawk College March 7. They didn't enter the festival last year because "the band was busy with other things," she said.

However, two years ago when they entered the festival, they finished third and were asked to compete in the provincial finals. Ms. Thomas said usually only the top two bands are asked to continue in the competition, but the judges felt they were good enough to advance.

Other plans for the band this year include the Celebrate Canada Festival, but she said no final date has been set. There will also be a concert in the area which is tentatively set for Feb. 22.

Fans 'doin' that boogie' at Good Brothers pub

Above a packed dance floor of frenzied fans the Good Brothers played two sets of blue grass music to Niagara College fans in an off-campus pub at Cowboy's in St. Catharines Jan. 25 and 26.

From the time the band came on at 9.40 p.m. there was only standing room in the smoke-filled room. The dance floor was jammed elbow to elbow and jumped with excitement as bobbing dancers turned-on to tunes of Hot Knife Boogie, Duelling Banjos, Rabbit and Red Necked Mother.

During two sets lasting about 40 minutes each, the Good Brothers plugged music from their new double record album. The band's usual high energy seemed depleted and the crowd was disappointed by a one-hour break between sets.

Although the Good Brothers' music remains the creme de la creme of excellence, the stage performance did not go over as well as many had expected.

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